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Item 1
Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the second regular session 2013 and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its annual session 2013. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report reflects the comments received.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a draft workplan for 2014 is being submitted to the Executive Board. The document will be finalized by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and will be submitted to the Board for adoption at its first regular session 2014.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2013/L.3)

Report of the annual session 2013 (DP/2013/38)

Decisions adopted at the annual session 2013 (DP/2013/39)

Draft workplan for 2014 (DP/2013/CRP.2)

UNDP segment

Item 2
UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017

The final draft of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017, has been prepared within the framework of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review and the outcomes of United Nations international conferences. It is the product of extensive discussions with the Executive Board, United Nations agencies, independent experts and UNDP staff. The draft plan states that the world is undergoing an unprecedented transition where the eradication of poverty has become possible. It proposes that UNDP commit to a vision that focuses on this potential breakthrough: the simultaneous eradication of poverty and reduction of inequalities and exclusion. The draft plan, including its annexes, sets out the results, approaches and actions, targeting the development issues, revitalization of South-South cooperation, partnerships and coordination, and institutional transformation needed to deliver on this vision.

Documentation:

UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017 (DP/2013/40)

Item 3
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The UNDP integrated budget, 2014-2017, is an integral complement to the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017. It provides information on the resources estimates, which will be used in the integrated results and resources framework of the strategic plan. The estimates are presented in line with the harmonized approach agreed to within the context of the joint road map to an integrated budget for UNDP, UNFPA,

UNICEF and UN-Women in Executive Board decision 2012/27. For the first time a decision is sought within the context of a single, integrated presentation on all regular resources-funded activities – areas previously legislated through two distinct funding instruments, the institutional budget and the programming arrangements. The Board may wish to adopt a decision and approve the UNDP integrated budget, 2014-2017.

The report on the annual review of the financial situation undertakes a comprehensive review and analysis, from the financial perspective, of UNDP activities at the global and aggregate levels. The overview assesses the performance of the organization against the various sources for programming: regular resources, other resources, and UNDP-administered funds. The report also reflects the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards on 1 January 2012. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

UNDP integrated budget, 2014-2017 (DP/2013/41)

Report of the ACABQ on the UNDP integrated budget, 2014-2017 (DP/2013/42)

Annual review of the financial situation, 2012 (DP/2013/43)

Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation 2012 (DP/2013/43/Add.1)

Item 4
Country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will also be asked to: (a) take note of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Timor-Leste; (b) approve the exceptional third-year extension for the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic; and (c) comment on the draft country programme documents for Namibia and Mexico.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Benin, Burundi, Republic of the Congo, Niger, Nigeria, Togo;

Asia and the Pacific region: Bhutan (common country programme);

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Cuba.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2013/44)

Africa

Draft country programme document for Namibia (DP/DCP/NAM/2)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Draft country programme document for Mexico (DP/DCP/MEX/2)

Item 5
Evaluation

In its decision 2013/15, the Executive Board approved the programme of work of the UNDP Evaluation Office for 2013, as contained in the annual report on evaluation, 2012 (DP/2013/16). The programme of work included two thematic evaluations that would start in 2013 and be completed in 2014. In line with the decision, there will be an oral presentation on proposed topics for these thematic evaluations.

Item 6
Programming arrangements

In its decision 2013/4, the Executive Board "endorse[d] the principles of global strategic presence, and, as UNDP presence should be based on the differentiated development needs of countries and a no 'one-size fits-all' approach in order to ensure efficient and effective response to national development priorities, agree[d] on the differentiated approach of physical presence, and request[ed] UNDP to provide comprehensive information, in a formal report, on its implementation for the middle-income countries with gross national income per capita above $6,660." The present document provides a proposed differentiated approach for the financing of UNDP physical presence in middle-income and net contributor countries, in conjunction with the related Board discussions and decisions on the programming arrangements. The Board may wish to adopt a decision and approve the proposed differentiated model.

Documentation:

Funding of differentiated physical presence (DP/2013/45)

UNFPA segment

Item 7
UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017. The plan reaffirms the strategic direction set out in the midterm review of the 2008-2013 strategic plan, as represented by the "bullseye", and presents a set of organizational changes that support its attainment. These reforms include a strengthened results framework, a new business model, and improvements to the funding arrangements. The document also covers the resource requirements (including the resource allocation system) and the approach to operationalizing the strategic plan. Together, these elements constitute a package that will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of UNFPA, enabling the organization to have a more significant impact on the lives of women, adolescents, and youth around the world. To comply with word-count limitations for official Executive Board documents, additional information, including the integrated resource framework (with the full set of impact, outcome and output indicators), is presented in annexes available separately on the UNFPA website.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the strategic plan, 2014-2017. Elements for a decision are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Report of the Executive Director: The UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017 (DP/FPA/2013/12)

Item 8
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the proposed integrated budget estimates for 2014-2017, concerning the resources that contribute to achieving the UNFPA integrated results framework. The integrated budget should be considered in conjunction with the strategic plan, 2014-2017 (DP/FPA/2013/12).

The budget proposal's development was guided by the following principles: (a) alignment with the priorities of the strategic plan, including the emerging business model on how UNFPA will operate; (b) alignment with Executive Board decisions and mandates; (c) deployment of a larger share of available resources to programmes; and (d) identification of efficiencies, savings and value for money.

Income projections in the proposal are based on indications from donors, actual trends and other financial analyses. Investments are proposed within the integrated budget to ensure that the Fund's capacity remains commensurate with the results expected of a growing organization. These strategic investments are predominantly field-focused and have been contained within the budget proposal through realignments of costs, efficiencies and savings. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, the investments reflect continuing emphasis on common premises and shared services in headquarters and the field.

For 2014-2017, UNFPA proposes to allocate 87.8 per cent of total available resources to development activities, compared with 85.4 per cent in 2010-2013. Resources available for programmes will increase from 81.8 per cent in 2010-2013 to 84.3 per cent in 2014-2017.

UNFPA estimates that $3,571.2 million will be available for programmes in 2014-2017, compared with $2,647.2 million in 2010-2013, an increase of $924 million or 34.9 per cent. The institutional budget component of the integrated budget, which is presented for the Executive Board appropriation, is proposed at $664.1 million. As a relative share of the total use of resources, the institutional budget is decreasing from 18.2 per cent to 15.7 per cent.

The Executive Board may wish to approve an appropriation of $664.1 million for the institutional budget for 2014-2017. The Board may also wish to approve an annual allocation of $5 million of regular resources for the emergency fund. Elements for a decision are included in the document.

The Executive Board will also have before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the UNFPA integrated budget estimates, 2014-2017. The Board may wish to take note of this report.

In addition, the Executive Board will have before it for review the UNFPA biennial budgeted evaluation plan. The document is available separately on the UNFPA website. The Board may wish to provide guidance on the biennial budgeted evaluation plan, prior to its approval at the first regular session 2014.

Documentation:

UNFPA integrated budget estimates, 2014-2017 (DP/FPA/2013/14)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the UNFPA integrated budget estimates, 2014-2017 (DP/FPA/2013/15)

Item 12
Country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board will have before it for discussion the following draft country programme documents: Namibia in the East and Southern Africa region; Palestine in the Arab States region; and Mexico in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the draft country programme documents for Mexico, Namibia and Palestine.

In accordance with decision 2006/36 of the Executive Board, six country programmes and one common country programme, which were reviewed earlier at the annual session 2013, would be approved by the Board on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board. The country programmes and common country programme for approval by the Board at the second regular session 2013 are as follows: Benin, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo and Togo in the West and Central Africa region; Bhutan (common country programme) in the Asia and the Pacific region; and Cuba in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Documentation:

Draft country programme documents

East and Southern Africa region

Draft country programme document for Namibia (DP/FPA/DCP/NAM/5)

Arab States region

Draft country programme document for Palestine (DP/FPA/DCP/PSE/5)

Latin America and the Caribbean region

Draft country programme document for Mexico (DP/FPA/DCP/MEX/6)

UNOPS segment

Item 9
United Nations Office for Project Services

The UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2014-2015 are geared towards implementing the UNOPS strategic plan, 2014-2017 (contained in document DP/OPS/2013/3), as approved by the Executive Board in its decision 2013/14. UNOPS has developed its budget for the biennium 2014-2015 in alignment with the harmonized approach adopted by UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF. Due to UNOPS self-financing business model, two years is seen as the most relevant planning horizon in terms of revenue and costs. The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

In its resolution 39/220 the General Assembly established the need for recurrent reporting of statistical data on procurement by United Nations agencies on operational activities. As of 2008 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2007/38, the Executive Director of UNOPS has assumed the responsibility of compiling and submitting the report. The 2012 report features a supplement on balancing environmental, social and economic considerations in procurement. The supplement presents contributions from practitioners and international experts and the examination of balancing these important considerations is further supported by case studies and country experiences. In addition, the report also features a trend analysis of United Nations procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Documentation:

UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2014-2015 (DP/OPS/2013/6)

Report of the ACABQ on the UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2014-2015 (DP/OPS/2013/7)

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations 2012 (DP/OPS/2013/8)

Review of the UNOPS operational reserve (DP/OPS/2013/CRP.1)

Joint segment

Item 10
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2012/25 and in response to the call for UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to enhance cooperation on procurement in order to achieve better value for money through improved cost control, increased operational efficiencies and economies of scale, the Board will have before it a joint report detailing collaborative procurement initiatives and setting out the current and upcoming initiatives for 2013. The Board may wish to take note of the report and comment on progress made on joint procurement.

Documentation:

Report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on joint procurement activities (DP-FPA-OPS/2013/1)

Item 11
Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it a joint UNDP and UNFPA report that addresses the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. The report focuses on the implementation of decisions from the 31st meeting of the PCB, held in December 2012. The report also highlights UNDP and UNFPA contributions in responding to HIV. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP/2013/46–DP/FPA/2013/16)

Item 13
Other matters

TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2013
(9 to 13 September 2013, New York)

Day/date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Monday, 9 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the annual session 2013
			UNFPA segment
			STATEMENT BY THE UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		7	UNFPA STRATEGIC PLAN, 2014-2017 • UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017
		8	UNFPA: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • UNFPA integrated budget, 2014-2017 • Report of the ACABQ on the UNFPA integrated budget, 2014-2017
	1.15 - 2.30 p.m.		Informal consultation on UNFPA items
	3 – 5 p.m.	8	UNFPA: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
		12	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft country programme documents • Approval of country programmes
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Tuesday, 10 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP segment**
			STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	UNDP STRATEGIC PLAN, 2014-2017 • UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017
		3	UNDP: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • UNDP integrated budget, 2014-2017 • Report of the ACABQ on the UNDP integrated budget, 2014-2017 • Annual review of the financial situation, 2012 • Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation, 2012
	3 – 5 p.m.	3	UNDP: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*

Wednesday, 11 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP segment (cont'd)**
		4	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes • Approval of country programmes
		5	EVALUATION • Oral presentation on the proposed topics for the two remaining thematic evaluations (decision 2013/15)
		6	PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS • Funding of differentiated physical presence (decision 2013/4)
	3 – 5 p.m.		**UNOPS segment**
		9	STATEMENT BY THE UNOPS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • UNOPS biennial budget estimates for 2014-2015 • Report of the ACABQ on the UNOPS biennial budget estimates for 2014-2015 • Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations 2012
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Thursday, 12 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**Joint segment**
		10	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Joint UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS report on joint procurement activities (decision 2012/25)
		11	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING • Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
	3 - 4 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
	4 – 6 p.m.	13	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Draft workplan for 2014 • Tentative workplan for the first regular session 2014
Friday, 13 September			